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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
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For: **Method of Nucleic Acid Sequence Selection**
Inventors: Li *et al.*
Our Ref: 0942.4750003/RWE/MIT

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Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Information Disclosure Statement;
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3. A copy of each reference cited on Form PTO-1449 (36 references); and
4. One (1) Return Postcard.

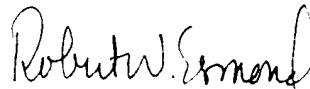
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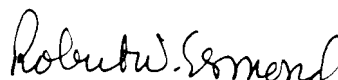
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